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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR OR *William A. Fotino, et al.*

APPLICATION IDENTIFIER:

FOR: BALL STUD FOR SUSPENSION SYSTEM

November 12, 2003  
New York, New York

**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR FILING A NEW NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a new nonprovisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
2.  Specification and Drawings (Total pages: 20);  
Specification (9 pages); Claims (4 pages) Abstract (1 page); and  
Drawings: (6 Sheets, FIGS. 1-6);  
 Formal  
 Informal
3.  Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Unsigned  
 Signed
4.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 Copy of IDS and PTO-1449 (\_\_\_\_ pages)  
 Copies of references cited
5.  Assignment Papers  
 Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595)  
 Assignment Document
6.  Statement Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 Claiming Small Entity As Independent Inventor (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1)).  
 Claiming Small Entity As Small Business Concern (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2)).  
 Claiming Small Entity As Nonprofit Organization (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3)).

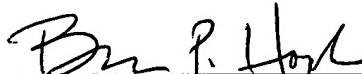
**FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR OR  
APPLICATION IDENTIFIER:** William A. Fotino, *et al.*  
**Request for New Nonprovisional Application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))**

**7. Fee Calculation**

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	27	- 20 =	7	\$18.00	\$126.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	11	- 3 =	8	\$86.00	\$688.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	0	0	0	\$290.00	\$0
			SUBTOTAL:		\$1,584.00
			Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:		-792.00
			<b>TOTAL FEE:</b>		<b>\$792.00</b>

8.  A check in the amount of **\$792.00** is enclosed.
9.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Ref. No. **26512-501**:
- Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;  
 Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;  
 Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
10.  Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.
11.  Other Documents Enclosed:

Respectfully submitted,



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